

seen since the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11.

The Nation has developed a unity of spirit and patriotism such as I have never seen in my lifetime.

This spirit has been captured in a beautiful way in a poem written by one of my constituents, Brittini Bates.

This poem, entitled "United We Stand," is even more impressive, considering it was written by a 13-year-old middle school student.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more young people like Brittini Bates, and I would like to call her poem to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### UNITED WE STAND

Blood was shed for this land, many men took a stand.

Now, again we unite. Now . . . again we must fight

We will protect our nation,  
and protect our civilization.

Freedom was won with a heavy price.  
Now again we must roll the dice.

United we stand for our land.

So now we come to pray,  
to our Lord and nation, we will obey.

The deaths of those were pointless and cruel.  
United we stand to protect our land.  
To banish hate and not discriminate.

And reclaim the declaration to our nation.  
Terrorists beware!

You have gone too far!

For United We Stand To Protect Our Land.

God Bless America, Home of the Brave.

—by Brittini N. Bates, age 13, Holston Middle School

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1900, the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001 which amends current juvenile crime policy and provides quality prevention and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency.

Regrettably, juvenile crime is a growing problem in our country. Today's teenagers account for the largest portion of all violent crimes; offenders under the age of 18 commit more than one-fifth of all violent crime. Furthermore, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that murders committed by juveniles will increase by 145%, forcible rapes by 66%, and aggravated assaults by 129% by the year 2010 as the number of juveniles increases dramatically.

In the wake of the rash of school shootings which our nation has endured over the past few years, I believe it is more important than ever to protect our children and communities from violence. Accordingly, H.R. 1900 will expand existing after-school programs for at-risk youngsters as well as providing innovative treatment for juvenile offenders.

H.R. 1900 will also fund programs related to the organization and maintenance of school vi-

olence hotlines and programs designed to reduce the unlawful acquisition and illegal use of guns by juveniles. This program directs much-needed resources to a social issue in which all Americans have a stake. Our children are the future of this country. Let us give them the tools and guidance to resist criminal activity and to improve their lives. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1900.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. HARDEE

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John N. Hardee of South Carolina, who is a respected member of the South Carolina Transportation Commission for the 2nd Congressional District. He has been a member of the Transportation Commission since 1997. Mr. Hardee's career achievements and accomplishments exemplify his extraordinary contributions to the state of South Carolina.

Currently, Mr. Hardee is the Director of Governmental Affairs at Lamar Advertising. He has served as the President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina since 1989.

In 1995, Mr. Hardee was appointed to represent South Carolina on the Scenic Highways Committee. As a member of the committee, he assisted in the drafting of regulations that established the necessary criteria for Scenic Highways. Mr. Hardee has served as the Chairman of this valuable committee since its inception. Mr. Hardee was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest honor, in 1998, in recognition of his dedication to the field of transportation through his service to the Transportation Commission and Scenic Highways Committee.

At the request of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, the South Carolina Transportation Commission voted to name the proposed seven-mile airport connector road between I-20 and I-26 in Lexington County as the John N. Hardee Airport Expressway, in recognition of his efforts to obtain funds to support the project.

Along with Mr. Hardee's service to the field of transportation, comes his service to the community.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, he served on the Board of Deacons from 1985–1988 and 1990–1992, and was chairman of the Board in 1988. He organized the first prayer breakfast in Florence, as well. As a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina since 1993, he has served on the Board of Deacons and Stewardship Planning in 1994.

He has served as a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce from 1973–1992 and served as president in 1985. He was a member of the Florence County Economic Development Commission from 1988 to 1992, and was the chairman from 1990 to 1991. He was also a member of the Florence Planning Commission from 1981 to 1992, and chairman for almost five years.

Mr. Hardee has also served as a member of the Florence Lion's Club, and as its president in 1984. From 1980 to 1992 he served as a

member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and as chairman from 1983 to 1986. He is currently a member of the Five Points Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mr. John N. Hardee for the incredible service he has provided for the residents of South Carolina. I sincerely thank Mr. John Hardee for the outstanding contributions he has given to the state of South Carolina through his distinguished service to the field of transportation. I congratulate him on his recent accomplishment of having the airport expressway named on his behalf and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

#### HONORING JANICE LEE ROHLF

**HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th birthday of Janice Lee Rohlf.

On September 18, 1941, Janice Lee Rohlf (nee Janice Smith) was born and raised in a remote, rural area in Northeast Pennsylvania. A high school teacher/guidance counselor encouraged Janice to attend college; he even gave her the \$15.00 to apply to what was then the East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Janice was the first in her family to attend college, majoring in mathematics, with a minor in social studies.

Upon graduation, Janice came to LI to teach in the Islip school district. After one year, she married and began raising a family. Janice has three wonderful children, Justin, Jason and Janine. Janice divorced and returned to work, starting in Suffolk County Government. During this time, Janice also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Stony Brook University, and moved through four positions in three years in Suffolk County: Investigator in the Child Support Enforcement Bureau, Labor Technician in the Department of Labor, Administrative Assistant in Medicaid, Legislative Aide in the County Legislature and, finally, an Administrative Assistant in the County Executive's Office. While in her last position in the Suffolk County Government Janice began work on a Master's Degree in Social Work at Stony Brook University, which she completed in December of 1989. Janice currently has a small, part-time psychiatric social work practice.

Following a change in leadership in Suffolk County, Janice then worked for the Long Island Chapter of the New York State Head Injury Association. Then, in September of 1987, an opportunity arose at Stony Brook University, albeit temporary and part-time, in the University Affairs office as the Director of Public Affairs, which Janice accepted. Needless to say, Janice never left and since 1988 has been the Director of Governmental Relations at Stony Brook University.

In November of 1998 Janice married F. James Rohlf, a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook. They travel extensively, most recently to South Africa, Chile and Australia. Janice and Jim reside in Port Jefferson, with their cat, Tigger.

## TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BLOCH

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor George Bloch, Ed.D., who has been named California Administrator of the Year in the Superintendent Category by the Association of California Administrators.

Dr. Bloch began his educational career in 1964. Over the years, he has achieved an impressive record of academic and civic accomplishments, and, in doing so, has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him.

I would like to congratulate him and sincerely thank him for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Chino Valley Unified School District.

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA DONNELLY, RECIPIENT OF UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Donnelly for winning United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award. This prestigious award is bestowed annually to women who have made exceptional contributions to the success of communities throughout the nation. Ms. Donnelly will be presented with the award on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Patricia Donnelly has enjoyed an extensive and impressive career in journalism that has spanned over three decades. During her career, she has initiated and overseen the operation of several print journalism projects, including the Gold Coast magazine and the Jersey Journal's Spanish-language weekly, *El Nuevo Hudson*. In addition, she has served as editor for the Jersey Journal's Hudson Dispatch and the Hoboken Reporter.

Throughout her career, Ms. Donnelly has impressively balanced her demanding professional commitments with her desire to help promote community service initiatives that improve the quality of life for families living in New Jersey. She has consistently assisted the United Way and other non-profit organizations, by helping them advance and broadcast their message to thousands of New Jersey residents.

Ms. Donnelly is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, and an alumnus of Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Currently, she resides in Hoboken, New Jersey, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA. Furthermore, she is an active member of the Parish Council at St. Francis Church in Hoboken.

Patricia Donnelly is happily married to Arturo Martinez, her husband of 25 years. Patricia and Arturo are the proud parents of Nora and Peter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Patricia Donnelly for her commitment and dedication in helping foster and promote community service initiatives that have assisted countless families in New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARC HOLTZMAN TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, technology has become an important tool today in terms of nearly every facet of our lives—from legislation to the completion of daily routines. It has been used to reinvent many systems and increase ties between people. Marc Holtzman, the first Secretary of Technology in the State of Colorado, has accepted this new and transformational role to merge technology with government, economics and education. I would like to recognize the work of this honorable man and all that he has done, and will continue to do, for the great State of Colorado.

Following his graduation from Leigh University, Marc founded an investment firm called MeesPierson EurAmerica, which was later sold to become the 11th largest bank in the world. His time in Europe has allowed him to become an authority on political development. Now, he serves in the cabinet-level position for Governor Owens while earning only \$1 per year. During the week, Marc resides in Denver, but during the weekend he travels to his house in the Roaring Fork Valley—a great opportunity to enjoy the mountain environment amidst his responsibilities.

Colorado is home to many high-tech industries and Marc plays a crucial role in securing a successful future for these companies, along with creating an environment conducive to attracting new businesses. Furthermore, Marc has been put in charge of creating quasi-charter schools that aim to build a bridge across the technological divide with the support of Microsoft's Bill Gates. Throughout all of his projects, Marc has proven to be a valuable contributor to Colorado and has a high success rate in all that he does.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when technology is becoming such an important part of our world, the convergence of technology and governance is inevitable. Marc is ensuring that we implement this technology and in return, benefit the people of Colorado. Additionally, his charismatic leadership has led to many innovative experiments and successes. He is truly navigating Colorado through this remarkable revolution. I would like to honor his contributions and recognize the importance of his service to the State of Colorado. I extend my warmest regards to him and wish him the best in years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MR. ADEL KARAS' DEATH

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of my constituents who was

lost to us this past weekend in a tragic shooting.

Mr. Adel Karas, a resident of Arcadia, was shot in his grocery store in San Gabriel on September 15, 2001 in an attempted robbery that the FBI is now investigating as a hate crime. Mr. Karas had owned and operated the International Market in San Gabriel for two decades. As a Coptic Christian, Mr. Karas fled his native Egypt in the 1970's to escape religious persecution. It is difficult to think that despite living in the United States for 20 years, he may have lost his life because the perpetrators targeted him based on his race.

We will remember him as a warm and loving man who gave his best to his family and to his community. His family mourns his death and remembers him as a loving father to his sons and a good husband to his wife, Ronda Karas. Mr. Karas was also a care giver to his elderly parents, calling every day to check on their well-being. Furthermore, Mr. Karas was a respected businessman and appreciated by friends and neighbors. Our community mourns the loss of one of our own as is evident by the memorial filled with heart-felt cards and hundreds of flowers that has been created outside his storefront.

I am saddened by the loss of such a fine member of our community and wish his family and loved ones my greatest sympathies by acknowledging him today. Let us remember Adel Karas as a genuine, kind, and loving son, father, husband, and American.

RECOGNIZING COUNTY COMMISSIONER BILLY CROKER, POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. BARR OF Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Billy Croker of Polk County, Georgia is one county commissioner who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to being instrumental in bringing Our House for battered women and children and the Boys and Girls Club to Cedartown, Georgia, Mr. Croker has been very active in the Coosa Valley Regional Planning Commission, and he has recently been elected to a new position on the Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). He represents the first ACCG district, which includes 15 counties in northwest Georgia.

The ACCG is a nonprofit agency assisting Georgia's county governments. Formed in 1914, ACCG serves as the consensus-building, training, and legislative organization for all 159 county governments in the state.

Billy had previously been an at-large representative to the Board of Managers. As a board member of the statewide association, he plays a prominent role in shaping ACCG's yearly policy objectives and in directing activities taken on by the Association to help counties meet the increasingly complex demands facing today's local governments.

Billy is recognized as an active participant and exceptional leader in the Association, and by his peers throughout Georgia. He always shows a committed interest in the welfare of the entire state, not just Polk County. He is a true and valued servant of the people of Georgia, and it is an honor to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives.